

Subj: **EAC Convention - St. Louis**  
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 From: [REDACTED]  
 To: [REDACTED]

Eric, I will be attending the EAC Convention Thursday as both an EAC and JRCS member – Sunday, April 26-29. I have registered for the dinner and Museum Tour and am looking forward to the events. I will arrive Thursday mid-day and leave Sunday morning.

You have extended an invitation for me to come to St. Louis in the past to see you and view your collection of early silver dollars 1794-1803 (ex. Col. Green), along with the files you have on these, including correspondence and invoices (you have shared copies of some of the original inventory with me). **I was wondering if it would be possible to view your early silver dollars, invoices to dealers and notes from the acquisition from the Chase Bank (and Col. Green collection) sometime during my stay at EAC?** And if so, would you mind if we included my good friend Jim Matthews, a friend, serious Numismatist and early dollar collector / researcher.

As I have mentioned to you in the past, I now have the Ostheimer correspondence and notes, including all they still had pertaining to the altered 1804 and 1805 Dollars. I acquired this from Mrs. Ostheimer. I also was able to acquire copies of Frank Stirling's correspondence and notes, a Baton Rouge, LA numismatist and early dollar collector / specialist, including a letter between him and Bolender re. the altered 1805 Dollar, written well before the Ostheimer's purchased it from Werner! This may be of interest to you in your research and articles on these alterations. I would be glad to bring these items along if you were interested in seeing them. I am guessing you have letters, etc. also pertaining to these alterations.

I look forward to the visit. Thanks.

Regards,

Dave

W. David Perkins  
 Centennial, CO

*Arrived Frontier 9:50 AM Apr 25, 2007*  
*Leaves Sunday Apr 28*



I'm excited for the visit!

I understand all the requests to view parts of your collection. If you are able to locate any of the early dollars, that would be great. If not, I understand. One I'd really like to see someday is your 1797 H-2, B-2 "Small Letters Reverse."

I've told you this in the past, but I find it ironic that of all the 150 plus early dollar the Ostheimer's had in their collection, the ones she wished she held onto were the altered 1804 and 1805 Dollars!

I will bring any items that I think would be of interest to St. Louis. Thanks.

Regards,

Dave

**From:** [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 27, 2007 3:59 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: EAC Convention - St. Louis

Dear Dave:

I was glad to hear that you are coming to the EAC meeting here and look forward to the visit of the group to our museum (actually two visits because there are 125 museum acceptances already).

I have a flood of people who want to see my toys and I do not know how to handle the matter.

I cannot make available all the things I am being asked to show.

I hope I will be able to locate and bring my nicest early dollars for you. I do have some others but may not feel that is practical. As far as records are concerned I have all the Johnson invoices for the sale to others of early dollars but they (the Green, Brand and his own stock) are boxed by year and alphabetized by customer and would take too long to find the specific items during a busy period. Let me think the matter over.

As to the Ostheimer matter that was one of the miserable experiences of my life. Werner threatened to sue me, Ostheimer consulted his lawyer and threatened to go after me, Ostheimer hired a metal specialist before my talk to prove I was wrong, etc. Bolender was just plain stupid and the worst thing that happened to me was that I was unaware that the prior knowledge of the alterations was written up in the Numismatist long before but was indexed by the Numismatist as 1904 and 1905 altered dollars rather than 1804 and 1805 altered dollars. I remember no one who cheered me on but Ken Bressett. In any event I was so determined that The Fantastic 1804 Dollar was written and my wife selected the title without realizing she was producing one of the best numismatic puns (a fantastic coin and a fantasy coin).

Any letter from Ostheimer to Bolender or with Stirling, etc. would be fun to have a copy of.

My correspondence with the Chase National Bank is here.

I do not know your friend Mr. Mathews and will be glad to meet him.

I hope I have covered the topics you raise and will be delighted to see you. Feel free to ask me or explain to me anything else we both should share knowledge of.

Eric.

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May 16, 2007

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Dear Eric,

It was nice seeing you again.

Thank you for letting me view your magnificent early United States silver dollars. I can only imagine how you felt over 60 years ago when you were able to pick out your set from the Col. Green estate dollars! You picked well, and they were a delight to see and study.

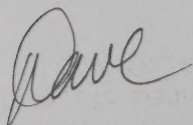
If I had to pick a favorite, as a die variety specialist collector and researcher I would probably pick the 1797 H-2 7X6 Stars, Small Letters Reverse Dollar. This is the finest specimen known to me by quite a bit, the second finest in my judgment being the Amon Carter specimen, now in a friend's collection in Wisconsin. Otherwise, it was hard to pick favorites as there were so many candidates.

I also would like to thank you for allowing me to include my good friend Jim Matthews and John Dannreuther (who graciously gave us a ride to your museum). We all enjoyed the EAC Convention and your early dollars were the highlight of this show for all three of us.

I have spoken with Rory Rhea about photographing your early quarter dollars for the Browning book update. He would love the opportunity to take the photos and include some of them in the book. We're guessing it might take the good part of a day to photograph all of them (we're not sure how many you have). Rory would likely take multiple shots of each coin using different settings. Should we work with Thomas on setting up a time to photograph your early quarters?

Thank you again for the opportunity to see your early dollars. It was worth the wait!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dave", written in dark ink.

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5/23/07

Dear David:

It was a pleasure to notice the sparkle in the eyes of your group when they were looking at the early silver dollars in our collection. I was glad you made notes about them and enjoyed seeing them.

As to the photography of our early quarters you may contact either Tom Serfass or me at any time to arrange for me to find them in a bank vault. Please designate what date period you plan to cover. Jules Reiser tried to photograph them at one visit but he reported that they did not turn out due to some error.

My telephone is 314 727 0850 and my email is ERICNUMIS@AOL.COM

My best to you.

Eric



Subj: **Early Quarter Dollar Book - Photos**  
Date: 10/23/2007 7:11:46 P.M. Central Daylight Time  
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Thomas, I recently spoke with Rory Rhea who is one of the numismatists working on the new early quarter dollar book. He is taking all the photos for the book. Eric, you and I discussed him and I coming to St. Louis to photograph Eric's early quarters sometime.

Rory and I were thinking of flying in on a Thursday, taking photos on Friday (multiple shots per coin, different settings) and leaving early Saturday to fly home.

I'd like to get a list of all of the quarters in Eric's collection, the Browning die marriage number if known and the pedigree. Once we have this list we can estimate how long we will need to shoot the photos (we're just guessing we can do it in one day, Friday...).

Assuming this still works for you and Eric, we'd like to pick dates in November and December, excepting the Holidays. If you would, please let us know a first and second choice of dates (a Thursday – Friday combination).

Thanks. We look forward to our visit.

Regards,

Dave

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